

thought of attending the Chicago  
party but we made time on  
some gravel & kept coming  
and we figured it out that  
we would get here about  
2 o'clock - Well - we drove  
like mad - and six miles  
out of Iowa City at 15 min  
until 2 o'clock - It said  
detour - we detoured 18<sup>11</sup>/<sub>11</sub>  
miles - I just bawled -

Wednesday

Dear Carrie, Bill, Warren  
& the Jacksons.

I know you think its  
funny I hasn't written any  
cards or anything but we  
have been through hell and  
back again. After we got  
out of Council Bluffs we  
struck some terrible roads  
& drove & Maurice pushed  
part way. When we got  
to Oakland it began to  
rain some & on the top  
of the hill we got stuck -  
we finally got out and

stayed at a farm house all nite -  
it rained all night and we  
started out the next day.  
Mama you can't imagine any  
thing worse. We shivered &  
only luck & Mo. driving  
saved us from going over. We  
fought "roads" all day and at  
6 o'clock hit some gravel &  
drove in to Des Moines. - Mama  
we didn't even stop in towns  
to eat - we bought stuff at  
the oil stations so we wouldn't  
have to drive up in their  
towns - I just didn't have a  
chance to send cards back.  
Well we stayed in Des Moines  
all nite, got there about 10 o'clock  
(talk about tired) we got up  
at 4:30 this A.M. - The roads  
were better as the sun came  
out. I gave up(almost) the